

MECKLENBURG COUNTY Public Health

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Dear Swimming Pool Owner/Operator:

Notice for 2018 Commercial Swimming Pool Season

To help ensure pool safety, Mecklenburg County Public Health is *requiring all Seasonal Pools to be inspected prior to opening this year*. This will be a significant change from how business has been conducted in previous years. All Seasonal Pools will be required to schedule an inspection in advance. State and Local permit inspections must be passed before a permit to operate will be issued. More information on this process can be found at http://meckpools.charmeck.org.

Mecklenburg County Public Health will continue to require a return visit fee. The additional fee is *only* charged for additional return visits that are required to be made by the inspector to the property. For example, if an inspector is contacted to schedule an inspection or to conduct a return visit for an Immediate Suspension item and the pool is not ready, a \$100 fee will be charged for each return visit that is required.

To avoid a potential return visit fee, please be sure to use our *Permit Checklists* which are available on our website at http://meckpools.charmeck.org. The return visit fee must be paid to Mecklenburg County Environmental Health before a return visit will be scheduled.

Other Items to Note:

- 1. Night Swimming at your pool, spa or wading pool is only permitted if adequate lighting is provided.
- Pool Operator Meetings will be held on February 1st and February 6th at 1:30 pm at the Hal Marshall Center. RSVP with first and last name to Meckpools@mecklenburgcountync.gov.
- 3. Inspectors will again be verifying main drain, equalizer, and pump information in the field. If any changes have been made to these, please submit a completed Pool Drain Safety Compliance (PDSC) form to the Health Department prior to your inspection for approval. A blank form can be found on our website at the above link. Inspections will not be scheduled if a current PDSC form has not been approved. A return visit fee and an additional inspection may be required if your PDSC information is not accurate.

If you have any questions pertaining to the 2018 permit renewal process or inspection process, please contact us at 980-314-1620, meckpools@mecklenburgcountync.gov or visit our website at http://meckpools.charmeck.org.